

#### Jesus Favourite House:

Luke 10:38 "Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named <u>Martha welcomed</u> <u>Him into her house</u>."

John 11:3 "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick."





## Culture Of Love John 13:34

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another."

Love:-- Sacrificially ascribing infinite worth to another.

### **Culture Of Formation** Mark 1:17 "Then Jesus said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." Being a follower of Jesus looks like something.

An authentic expression of being with Jesus

## Culture Of Acceptance Romans 15:7

- "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."
- Belong Believe Behave

#### NOT

Behave - Believe - Belong



## Culture Of Authenticity Luke 10:38-42

"And Jesus answered and said to her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.""

#### **Luke 9:51**

"Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem," Jesus had turned towards His full on confrontation with the kingdom of darkness.

#### **Hebrews 11:5-6**

"My child, don't make light of the Lord's discipline, and don't give up when he corrects you. For the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes ("scourgeth" KJV) each one he accepts as his child."[f]



#### **Proverbs 3:11-12**

"My child, don't reject the Lord's discipline, and don't be upset when he corrects you. For the Lord corrects those he loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights."

How does that get messed up in translation?



## Andrew Farley p.234 of his book: God Without Religion

"A Hebrew word that can be translated "to scourge" can also be translated "to inquire into." ... God deeply inquires into our lives as he disciplines us, so that we can experience a harvest of righteousness and peace."

#### Romans 2:4 (NKJV)

"Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?"



#### Romans 2:4 (NLT)

"Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?"



# Romans 2:4 (The Message) "God is kind, but he's not soft. In kindness he takes us firmly by the hand and leads us into a radical life-change."



#### Titus 2:11-12

"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,..."

Jesus Is Grace!
Grace Transforms!



## What Happens When We Try To Deal With Life On Our Own?

- 1. Return to a default for control
- 2. Distance yourself from Jesus
- 3. Fracture core relationships
- 4. You should expect Jesus to take you firmly by the hand lead
- you to a radical life-change

A culture of authenticity won't let you frame your destiny with anything other than the radical lifechanging presence of Jesus.

Only what is initiated by your time at His feet has any eternal significance.

